

REMARKS

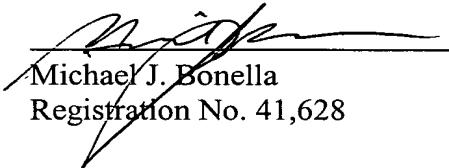
The foregoing Amendment and the following Remarks are being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 19, 2005, in connection with the above captioned patent application, and are being filed within the one-month shortened statutory period set for a response to the Restriction Requirement.

Claims 1-11, 18, 20, and 22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-11, 18, and 20 have been withdrawn from consideration.

The Examiner has set forth a Restriction Requirement under 35 USC § 121 with regard to claims 1-11, 18, 20, and 22 and four identified groups: Group I, including claims 1-11; Group II, claim 18; Group III, claim 20, and Group IV, claim 22. Applicants hereby elect Group IV, claim 22, for continued prosecution at this time.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending elected claims.

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